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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS, PFOR, BF  
SUBJ: GCOB PERMSEC LINKS BASES AND ARCHIPELAGO

1. AT RECEPTION HELD BY DEAN OF HONORARY CONSULAR  
CORPS EVENING MARCH 4, AMBASSADOR WAS APPROACHED BY ORIS  
RUSSELL, PERMSECMINEXTAFF. AMONG OTHER TOPICS RAISED  
BY RUSSELL WAS HIS DIRECT ASSERTION, WITHOUT PREFACE,  
THAT UNLESS BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO WERE RECOGNIZED BY USG  
"THERE WOULD BE NO U.S. BASES ANYWHERE IN BAHAMAS."  
RUSSELL CONTENTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF WE WOULD RECOGNIZE  
ARCHIPELAGO, WE COULD "HAVE BASES TOMORROW." AMBASSADOR,  
WHILE RETICENT TO DISCUSS MATTER IN ANY DETAIL GIVEN  
SETTING AND FACT THAT RUSSELL HAD HAD HIS USUAL LARGE  
QUOTA OF LIQUID REFRESHMENT, NEVERTHELESS POINTED OUT  
THAT U.S. RECOGNITION OR NON-RECOGNITION OF BAHAMIAN  
ARCHIPELAGO WAS NOT A DECISION BASED SOLELY ON OUR  
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH BAHAMAS AND COULD NOT BE  
DIVORCED FROM OUR MULTILATERAL ATTEMPTS TO SECURE A  
LOS TREATY. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PROBLEM WHICH  
RECOGNITION OF BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO WOULD CAUSE WITH  
OTHER STATES CLAIMING ARCHIPELAGO - PHILIPPINES AND  
INDONESIA. RUSSELL ALLOWED AS TO HOW HE "UNDERSTOOD"  
AND MATTER WAS DROPPED.

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WM COMMENT: AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE "LINKAGE" OF FACILITIES  
AND ARCHIPELAGO BY BAHAMIANS HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF EMBASSY  
SPECULATION AND REPORTING FOR LAST THREE YEARS. AT NO  
TIME HAS "LINK" BEEN STATED SO EXPLICITLY OR FOR THAT  
MATTER AT ALL BY BAHAMIAN OFFICIALDOM. AS DEPARTMENT ALSO  
AWARE, RUSSELL'S POSITION AT MINEXTAFF CARRIES LITTLE

WEIGHT AND EMBASSY FINDS IT UNPRECEDENTED AND HARD TO  
SWALLOW THAT GCOB WOULD USE HIM TO CONVEY INFORMATION OF  
SUCH SUBSTANTIVE IMPORT.  
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